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E.O. 11652: DECLASSIFY UPON ANNOUNCEMENT OF AGREEMENT
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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF LANDSAT STATION AT ALICE SPRINGS

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1. WE HAVE CONSIDERED THE PROS AND CONS OF THE PROPOSED LANDSAT RECEIVING FACILITY AT ALICE SPRINGS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CURRENT ATMOSPHERE SURROUNDING US FACILITIES IN AUSTRALIA, AND ON BALANCE SEE NOT ONLY NO RPT NO PROBLEM WITH GOING AHEAD WITH THE PROPOSED LANDSAT STATION; WE BELIEVE THERE IS SOME MERIT IN SEEING THE ESTABLISHMENT IN ALICE SPRINGS OF ANOTHER UNCLASSIFIED JOINT PROJECT MANNED BY AUSTRALIAN PERSONNEL IN PERMANENT RESIDENCE.

2. DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE HAS NOT YET PUT TOGETHER ITS PLANS FOR PUBLICITY TO BE GIVEN TO THE AGREEMENT, BUT WE ARE SURE THEY WILL STRESS THE FACT THAT THE AUSTRALIAN COOPERATING AGENCY IS THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE, THAT THE FACILITY WILL BE UNCLASSIFIED, AND THAT THE DATA WILL BE OF ENORMOUS CIVIL USE TO AUSTRALIAN SCIENTISTS.

3. NASA REP/CANBERRA ADVISES THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL, FROM A DOS POINT OF VIEW, IF THE US WOULD REPLY TO AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY'S MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND WORD THAT WE HAVE DONW SO COULD BE PASSED BY THEM TO
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